

[CHAPTER 586.]

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

June 16, 1936.
[H. R. 11533.]
[Public, No. 600.]

Battle of Gettysburg.
Coinage of 50-cent
pieces commemorating
75th anniversary of,
authorized.

No Federal expense
for dies, etc.

Date, issue, etc.

Number.

Disposition.

Coinage laws appli-
cable.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, there shall be coined at a mint of the United States to be designated by the Director of the Mint not to exceed fifty thousand silver 50-cent pieces of standard size, weight, and composition and of a special appropriate single design to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

SEC. 2. The coins herein authorized shall bear the date 1936, irrespective of the year in which they are minted or issued, shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value, and shall be issued only upon the request of a committee of not less than eight persons duly authorized by the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, upon payment by it of the par value of such coins, but not less than twenty-five thousand such coins shall be issued to it at any one time and no such coins shall be issued after the expiration of one year after the date of the enactment of this Act. Such coins may be disposed of at par or at a premium by such committee, and the net proceeds shall be used by it in defraying the expenses incidental and appropriate to the commemoration of such event.

SEC. 3. All laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for the security of the coins, or for any other purposes, whether such laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized.

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[CHAPTER 587.]

AN ACT

To increase the efficiency of the Air Corps.

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Army Air Corps.
Active duty for Re-
serve officers, author-
ized; number; period of
service.

Compensation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to call to active duty, with their consent, for periods of not more than five years, such number of Army Air Corps Reserve officers as he may deem necessary, not to exceed one thousand three hundred and fifty.

SEC. 2. Upon the termination of such a period of active duty of not less than three years in duration, such Air Corps Reserve officers shall be paid a lump sum of \$500, which sum shall be addition to any pay and allowances which they may otherwise be entitled to receive.

SEC. 3. The sixth proviso of section 2, Act of July 2, 1926 (44 Stat. L. 781), is hereby amended by striking out the words "Whenever used in this Act a flying officer in time of peace is defined as one who has received an aeronautical rating as a pilot of service types of aircraft", and by substituting in lieu thereof the following: "A flying officer in time of peace is defined as one who has received an aeronautical rating as a pilot of service types of aircraft or one who

"Flying officer in
time of peace" defined.
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has received an aeronautical rating as an aircraft observer: *Provided*, That in time of peace no one may be rated as an aircraft observer unless he has previously qualified as a pilot: *Provided further*, That any officer rated as an aircraft observer in time of war must subsequently qualify as a pilot before he can qualify as an observer in time of peace following such war."

Proviso.
Aircraft observer; qualification in peace time.
War-time observer; qualification in peace time.

SEC. 4. The President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to temporary rank in the grades of colonel, lieutenant colonel, and major, without vacating their permanent commissions, such numbers of officers of the Regular Army Air Corps as the Secretary of War, from time to time, may determine as necessary to meet the administrative, tactical, technical, and training needs of the Air Corps; the then resulting numbers in each grade, permanent and temporary, to be further increased by 5 per centum to meet the additional needs of the War Department for Air Corps officers: *Provided*, That such temporary appointments shall be made in order of seniority of the appointees in each grade in accordance with their standing on the relative rank list of Air Corps officers in their permanent grade, and such temporary appointments may be vacated at any time upon the recommendation of the Secretary of War: *Provided further*, That when an officer holding a temporary appointment under the provisions of this section becomes entitled to permanent promotion his temporary appointment shall be vacated: *Provided further*, That all Air Corps officers temporarily advanced in grade take rank in the grade to which temporarily advanced after officers holding such grade through permanent appointment, and among themselves in the order in which they stand on the relative rank list of Air Corps officers in their permanent grade: *Provided further*, That Air Corps officers temporarily appointed under the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to the pay, flying pay, and allowances pertaining to the grade to which temporarily appointed: *And provided further*, That no officer holding temporary rank under the provisions of this Act shall be eligible to command outside his own corps except by seniority under his permanent commission.

Appointments to temporary rank in grades of colonel, lieutenant colonel, and major, authorized.

Proviso.
Seniority provision.

Temporary status vacated on receiving permanent appointment.

Precedence in rank.

Pay, flying pay, and allowances.

Eligibility to command outside own corps.

SEC. 5. The President is hereby authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint to temporary rank from among the permanent colonels and lieutenant colonels of the Air Corps who are "flying officers" as defined herein, or as may hereafter be defined, a commanding general of the General Headquarters Air Force with the rank of major general, and such number of wing commanders with the rank of brigadier general as may be determined by the President. Officers temporarily appointed under the provisions of this section shall hold such temporary appointments until relieved from such commands by order of the President. Such temporary appointments shall not vacate the permanent commissions of the appointees nor create vacancies in the grades in which they are permanently commissioned: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not be construed to exclude the assignment to Air Corps tactical or other appropriate commands of qualified permanent general officers of the line who are "flying officers" as defined herein, or as may hereafter be defined.

Commanding general of General Headquarters Air Force.
Appointment, rank.

Wing commanders; rank.

Tenure, etc.

Proviso.
Assignment of qualified permanent general officers.

SEC. 6. Such laws and parts of laws as may be inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent laws, etc., repealed.

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